

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1199

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 24, 1932.

The committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 341) of the Massachusetts Forestry Association for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the need and cost of scientific surveys of the natural resources of the commonwealth, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1199).

For the committee,

THOMAS R. BATEMAN.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two.

An Act authorizing the Massachusetts Industrial Commission to Co-operate with the United States Geological Survey in Revision of United States Geological Survey Maps of Certain Areas, and providing for an Investigation by said Commission relative to Natural Resources of the Commonwealth.

1    *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would  
2 defeat its purpose to provide immediate employment  
3 relief in the present emergency, therefore it is hereby  
4 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the  
5 immediate preservation of the public health, safety  
6 and convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1    SECTION 1. The Massachusetts industrial com-  
2 mission of the department of labor and industries,  
3 hereinafter called the commission, is hereby author-  
4 ized to co-operate with the United States geological  
5 survey in the revision and improvement of the  
6 United States geological survey maps of the com-  
7 monwealth, covering such areas as may be agreed  
8 upon; provided, that all funds necessary to meet  
9 the commonwealth's share of the cost thereof shall  
10 have first been donated therefor by private agencies and

11 individuals and paid into the state treasury. The  
12 commission is hereby authorized to accept donations  
13 therefor in behalf of the commonwealth and to expend  
14 the same, in consultation with the department of  
15 public works, for the aforesaid purposes without  
16 appropriation by the general court. For said purposes,  
17 the commission may appoint, remove and fix the  
18 compensation of such engineers, clerks and other  
19 employees as may be necessary. Such employment  
20 and compensation shall not be subject to sections  
21 forty-five to fifty, inclusive, of chapter thirty or to  
22 chapter thirty-one of the General Laws. The said  
23 department is hereby authorized to place at the dis-  
24 posal of the commission such of its facilities and  
25 equipment and such data in its possession bearing  
26 upon said revision and improvement as the efficient  
27 and expeditious performance of the work may re-  
28 quire. Sections eight and nine of chapter one of the  
29 General Laws shall apply to all persons employed  
30 hereunder.

1 SECTION 2. Subject to the provisions of sections  
2 nine B and nine C of chapter twenty-three of the  
3 General Laws, inserted by section one of chapter  
4 three hundred and fifty-seven of the acts of nineteen  
5 hundred and twenty-nine, and amended as to said  
6 section nine B by section seventy-nine of chapter  
7 three hundred and one of the acts of nineteen hun-  
8 dred and thirty-one, the commission is hereby author-  
9 ized and directed to investigate the need of geological,  
10 biological and other scientific surveys of the natural  
11 resources of the commonwealth, and for this purpose  
12 it may hold hearings and may require of any depart-  
13 ment, board or officer of the commonwealth such

14 information and data pertinent to the subject matter  
15 as may facilitate its investigation. The commission  
16 shall report to the general court the result of its  
17 investigation and its recommendations, if any, to-  
18 gether with drafts of legislation necessary to carry  
19 such recommendations into effect, by filing the same  
20 with the clerk of the senate not later than the first  
21 Wednesday in December of the current year.

1 SECTION 3. For the purposes of this act, the com-  
2 mission may expend such amount, not exceeding  
3 dollars, as the general court may  
4 appropriate.